

Today's Advertisements.

ELITE SKATING RINK, DUDDELL STREET.
TO-NIGHT AND EVERY EVENING, AT 9 P.M.
TO-NIGHT (THURSDAY), the 21st January, 1897. A HANDSOME GOLD MEDAL will be competed for by MIDDLE WEIGHT BOXERS. Several Middle and Light Weights will box a number of rounds.

SATURDAY, the 23rd January, 1897. A Farewell Benefit will be tendered to SAM MARKS, prior to his departure for Shanghai. On which occasion a host of attractions will be presented by several Local Artists.

The WEST YORK'S BAND will be in attendance.
Admission—5s. co. SAM MARKS, Proprietor.
Hongkong, 18th January, 1897. (69)

WILLISON'S!
GREAT WORLD CIRCUS.
TRAVELLING THROUGH EVERY COUNTRY AND EVERY CLIMATE THIS GREAT CIRCUS IS COMING SHORTLY! COMING SHORTLY!
50 LADY & GENTLEMEN ARTISTS 50
WHO FORM A RAINBOW OF PROMISE. Each and all commands critical notice and supplies popular esteem. Watch for our announcements of OPENING DATE.
All business communications should be addressed to:
F. L. Y. MARTYNE, Manager, c/o HONGKONG HOTEL.
Hongkong, 21st January, 1897. (174)

PUBLIC AUCTION.
The Undersigned will let by PUBLIC AUCTION on THURSDAY, the 28th day of January, 1897, at 3 P.M. on the Spot
The Several Lots numbered 1 to 19—on Plan to be seen at the Auctioneer's Rooms for Erection of BOOTHS and MATCHEDS on the GOVERNMENT GROUND adjoining the RACE COURSE, North of the GRAND STAND ENCLOSURE.
Terms—CASH.
For Conditions of Sale, Apply to
J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 21st January, 1897. (173)

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship
"OOPACK"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 28th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on THURSDAY, the 28th instant, at 3 P.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 28th instant, will be subject to risk.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by HOLLIDAY, WHEAT & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 21st January, 1897. (171)

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR HIOLO.
THE Company's Steamship
"KWEIYANG"
Captain Osterberg, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 23rd instant, at 4 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
Hongkong, 21st January, 1897. (170)

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.
THE Company's Steamship
"THALES,"
Captain Douglas, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 24th instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, 21st January, 1897. (169)

THE OREGON RAILWAY AND NAVIGATION COMPANY'S PACIFIC STEAMSHIP LINE.
CHINA AND JAPAN.
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1897.
(Subject to Alteration.)
Monthly sailings: Saturday ... 13th February.
TAKING PASSENGERS AND CARGO FOR UNITED STATES AND CANADA AT THROUGH RATES.

THE Steamship
"MONMOUTHSHIRE"
will be despatched hence for VICTORIA (B.C.) and PORTLAND, OREGON, via KOBE and YOKOHAMA, on SATURDAY, the 23rd February.
Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in QUADRUPlicate; and one Copy must be sent forward by the Steamer to the care of the GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT, Oregon Railway and Navigation Co., Portland, Oregon.
For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 21st January, 1897. (171)

Today's Advertisements.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON, K.C.M.G., will preside at the PRIZE DISTRIBUTION at the above GOVERNMENT INSTITUTION TOMORROW (FRIDAY), the 22nd January, at NOON.
All interested in Education will be cordially welcomed.
GEO. H. BATESON WRIGHT, D.D., Head Master.
Hongkong, 21st January, 1897. (172)

Intimations.
DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.
AERATED WATERS.
SIMPLE AERATED WATER.
SODA WATER.
LEMONADE.
GINGER ALE.
SARSAPARILLA.
RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures. Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MESSIES and other Large Consumers.
Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.
Hongkong, 21st Jan. 1897. (1427)

TO SUBSCRIBERS.
SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.
NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.
Letters requesting that communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong Telegraph" and not to the Editor.
Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.
Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as evidence of good faith.
While the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the free discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interests, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

ADVERTISEMENTS.
Advertisements are required to forward all notices intended for insertion in this day's issue not later than Three o'clock so as to reach the printer in time for publication.
Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until discontinued.
The Hongkong Telegraph has the largest circulation of any English newspaper published in the Far East, and is therefore the best medium for advertisers. Terms can be learnt on application.
The Hongkong Telegraph's number at the Telephone Central Exchange is No. 1. Telegraphic address—"Telegraph," Hongkong.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.
WINE AND SPIRITS.
All these are selected by our London House, brought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best growths at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on Application.
PORT after removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the DISPENSARY before being sent out.

SHERRY.—Excellent Dinner and After Dinner Wines of every superior Vintage. All are true Xeres Wines.

CLARET.—Our Claret, including the lowest Priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and currants, as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY.—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure COGNAC, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKEY.—All our Whiskey is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our WINE and SPIRITS to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colony or from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.
Hongkong 13th September, 1896.

BIRTH.
On the 12th instant, at the Raffles Museum, Singapore, the wife of Dr. R. HANITCH, of a son.
DEATHS.
At No. 4, Queen Street, Singapore, on the 12th instant, HILKEY COLLIDGE, widow of WILLIAM COLLIDGE, aged 72 years.
At the General Hospital, Singapore, of brain fever, on the 12th inst., JOHN WILLIAM GOW, Chief Engineer of Col. steamer *Sun Bella*, aged 59. A native of Elgin, Scotland.
Drowned at Bangkok, on the 5th inst., Mr. CARMICHAEL, Second Engineer, s.s. *Midway*.

The Hongkong Telegraph
HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1897.

TELEGRAMS.
REUTER'S MESSAGES.
NEW LIBERAL LEADER IN THE LORDS.
LONDON, January 19th.
The Liberal Peers have elected Lord Kimberley their leader in the House of Lords.

THE BENIN EXPEDITION.
Two hundred marines have been ordered to join the Benin expedition, and the *St. George*, flagship on the Cape station, has sailed for the Benin Coast.

PARLIAMENT.
Parliament has been re-opened. The Queen's speech refers to the massacres in Turkey, the Dongkai Expedition, and the Arbitration Treaty with the United States. Bills are announced for education and for the improvement of the military defence of the Empire.

INDIAN FINANCE.
The tender for the India Bill amount to £12,500,000. These of £9,100 receive 80 per cent. and those above will be allotted in full.

(Special to Daily Press.)
THE CAREW CASE.
THE CASE FOR THE CROWN CLOSED.
MISS JACOB SERIOUSLY ILL.
SHANGHAI, January 20th.
The case for the Crown is closed, except the evidence of Miss Jacob and a letter to Sir E. M. Salway, the British Minister.
Miss Jacob is seriously ill—pulse, 116; heart, 132.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.
H.M.S. *Firebrand* is now at Foochow.
THE *Railier* has left Japan bound for Hongkong.
THE Portuguese gunboat *Diu* arrived at Singapore on 13th instant from Hongkong.

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR has kindly consented to preside at the Prize Distribution at Queen's College at noon to-morrow.

A LARGE number of holders of illicit opium were convicted at the Magistrate's Court and sentenced to pay fines ranging from \$10 to \$75.

ON the occasion of St. George's Ball the "Star" ferry launches will leave Pedder's Wharf for Kowloon at 2, 2.30 and 3.30 a.m. on the 23rd inst.

H.M.S. *Edou* leaves Shanghai on the 3rd proximo for Hongkong and shortly after her arrival here she will be relieved by the cruiser *Iphigénie*, a sister ship of the *Edou*.

We have to thank the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce for a copy of revised tariff of the United Cable Companies showing further reductions. We shall publish it in our next issue.

SAYS the *Stam Observer* of 9th instant:—The Japanese military party were honoured with an audience of the King yesterday afternoon, the royal carriages being despatched to the hotel to convey them to the Palace.

LO TUNG is an unassuming kind of thief, as may be judged by his pleading guilty to the theft of two silver jars. During the next 7 days, if the hard labour don't prevent him, he may be able to think out something more worth his while.

MR. MCWATNEY, the energetic captain of the Kowloon Football Club, has resigned his post owing to his official duties preventing him giving the necessary time to the work. He still remains a playing member, and a meeting is shortly to be held to elect a new skipper for the club.

O LONG to-day was charged with assaulting a woman named Ho Lok. Both parties were carrying earth at Yumai along a plank and because the plank shook plaintiff slipped. Defendant then gave her a knock and nearly threw her into the water. For his violence O Long is to be incarcerated for 60 days with hard labour.

A REPORT has somehow got into circulation in the colony that the troopship *Cypselus* has been lost in the Bay of Biscay. From enquiries made by the Naval Authorities we are pleased to be able to state that the rumour is apparently without the slightest foundation, although no news of the ship's arrival in England has yet been received.

In its midday express our evening contemporary publishes a special message from Singapore stating that the shipping returns of the Straits Settlements for the year 1896, just published, show an increase of twelve per cent. on last year's figures. The increase in British tonnage is ten per cent. as compared with thirty per cent. in German tonnage.

At the extraordinary general meeting of shareholders in Messrs Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd., held in the Hongkong Hotel at 11.30 a.m. to-day, Mr. Wm. Fenwick presided and there were also present Messrs J. Rodger, R. C. Wilcox, F. Henderson, Geo. Winterburn and H. Hyndman. On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Wilcox, the resolution which was passed at the extraordinary general meeting of the Company on the 19th ultimo was unanimously adopted as a special resolution. The chairman then thanked the shareholders for their attendance and the meeting dispersed.

As will be seen by advertisement in another column Hongkong is shortly to be visited by William's Circus, the *acrobatic* Mr. Martyn, being here now. The Circus comes along with excellent press credentials. Among the artists are Miss Wallatt, high trapeze and horse-back performer; Harry Dixon, equestrian juggler; the De Vere Brothers, comic jugglers; Pardo Sisters, dancers; Fred Salazar, equestrian. M. Vint, the "Human Serpent;" Peanut, a comedian; good clowns and some well trained horses, dogs and monkey.

THE members of the Volunteer Field Battery are busy training for the 64-pounder gun competition, which, we believe, is to take place at Stonecutters Island on China New Year's Day. The Sergeants of the various divisions are putting their men through as many drills as possible at the Munny Battery with the 64-pounder there, in order that they may be thoroughly acquainted with their duties. Last night, we hear, one of the detachments averaged one and a half minutes from the order to load to the word "fire" being given; a very creditable performance with the antiquated muzzle-loading weapon in use.

We note that Mons. Zola has been passed over again, in favour of MM. Vandal and André Theuriot—the one an historian and publicist of the respectable French type, the other a charming poet. M. Vandal writes a good deal for the papers on diplomatic subjects. He has also written some agreeable books of travel and historical studies. M. André Theuriot, the second new French Academician, is a delightful poet. No other French poet since La Fontaine has studied so closely the ways of birds and wild things. He is, in pure French, what Burns was in Scotch poetry when he wrote on the daisy and the field-mouse. He is also a charming story teller.

We are glad to be able to announce that the obsolete gunboats *Firebrand* and *Swift* will shortly gracefully retire from Far Eastern waters, the Admiralty having decided to send out the *Phaeton* and *Algeria*, which commission on the 11th proximo, to relieve them. The antiquated *Swift* and that "terror of Eastern seas," the *Firebrand*, were useful enough when they first ploughed through the China Sea at the rate of at least 8 knots per hour, but they are neither fast enough nor sufficiently formidable for present requirements and so have to go. Happy thought! Why not present them to our old friend the only Oom Paul or to His Majesty of Zanzibar just to show there is no ill feeling?

A SUCCESSFUL smoking concert was held last night in the Western Hotel, Queen's Road. The programme was well selected and consisted of songs, dances and recitations, and both branches of the Service were fully represented. The evening's entertainment commenced with a pianoforte solo, by the pianist, Mr. G. Antonio Escamilla, which was magnificently rendered and received great applause, after which the Chairman, Mr. J. McCann, sang "one of his popular comic songs, and so the ball was kept merrily rolling the whole of the evening. Mr. J. W. Marshall was well received and his rendering of the "Wandering Boy" gained him a well deserved encore. Mr. Freedy was in fine form and his brilliant style. The following gentlemen also kindly assisted in making the evening an enjoyable one: Messrs. Mitchell, Prowse, Jones, Newton, Bradbrook, Brownell, Elsey, Viven, J. R. Marshall, Dowd, Euston, and Byott. The worthy and genial host, Mr. F. Bedford, provided light refreshment and his efforts to provide a good entertainment met with success and resulted in a crowded house. Similar concerts will be given every Wednesday night.

MR. GEO. OSBORNE, for some years a member of the *Hobart Mercury*, has joined the *Shanghai Mercury* as sub-editor and shorthand reporter. The *Hobart Mercury* of 3rd April, 1896, says:—"Mr. Osborne leaves for Sydney on route to Shanghai, in which city he has accepted an engagement. Mr. Osborne is known less, perhaps, to the public (for anonymity is really a penalty of latter-day journalism), than to his friends and associates. His associates regret his departure. As a *confidant* he has loyally been reliable, friendly, and consistently genial. With these his reputation as a journalist cannot prove ephemeral, but his reputation as a friend and comrade will linger long. The associated pressmen of Hobart have made him a suitable memorial, the 150 people employed at *The Mercury* have voluntarily made a second, and the composing staff have handed to Mr. Osborne a delicately worded address of appreciation. Mr. Superintendent Pedder, has presented Mr. Osborne with a gift from the officers of the City Police—and there are others. Mr. Osborne goes into a country where life is instinct with a peculiar interest and opportunities are frequent. He will succeed. He is a Londoner, and has already spent some time in India and there, besides, he is one of the fortunate few who, leaving Tasmania, carries with him the hearty good wishes of everyone with whom he has been acquainted."

ON the arrival of the last French mail the notice posted outside the Post Office was to the effect that the delivery would commence at 5.30 p.m., but, as a matter of fact, the distribution was not begun until about a quarter to six, and it was then evident that the whole of the mail was not ready for delivery. There is ample room for improvement in the delivery of mails, French in particular, by the Post Office. The Postmaster-General should see that the notice of the time of delivery is likely to tally with the time that the actual delivery takes place, and is not calculated to mislead the public and keep them waiting about the Post Office windows for a considerable period. A little more system in the work would be beneficial. One man is not capable of serving both delivery windows; and the other disregard shown for the convenience of the public, in not promptly attending on them, is most exasperating. Generally only one man is visible from the window and if others happen to be in sight they usually stroll about the office and are totally deaf to all requests made to them. In former days the Postmaster-General used to take off his coat, roll up his shirt sleeves and assist in the sorting and delivery of the home mails, taking care at the same time that the "windows" were properly served. Doubtless the accommodation of the Post Office is inadequate, but, with a capable and systematic man at the head of it, these various delays and misadventures would never give the public cause, as in this instance, for reasonable complaint.

In the case of Cheun Yat, master of the launch *Yuen Fat*, who was indicted with having caused the death of *Isabell* through careless navigation and colliding with a police launch, the Attorney-General to-day issued a *nolle prosequi*. The case was to have been heard at the Supreme Court to-day before the Chief Justice.

THE football match this afternoon between the *Centurions* and the Club was a splendid contest. At the call of "time" neither side had scored at all, so they were told to play on for ten minutes. Soon the *Centurions* scored the first goal amidst the wildest enthusiasm, and then just before the game ended the Club got a goal, thus leaving the contest just "as you was."

THE NAVY ESTIMATES.
All British subjects who have not yet signed the "expression of opinion" with regard to the Navy Estimates, are requested to do so promptly, because the documents must shortly be forwarded to the Head Branch in London. Lists for signature will be found at the principal Clubs, Hotels, Associations, and Stores in the Colony.
HENRY E. POLLOCK, Honorary Secretary, Navy League, Hongkong Branch.

Two bluejackets of H. M. S. *Tamar* each gave three yards of Navy serge to Chan Lu, a tailor, to make into clothes for them. The garments (trousers) came back but made of inferior material. Chan was to-day charged with stealing the original cloth and Mr. Looker defended him. Ship Steward Green, of the *Victor Emanuel*, who issues the stores, said the trousers were certainly not of Navy serge, and Mr. Gelbelle (of Lane and Crawford) also gave evidence. In each case Captain Haslgrave found the accused guilty and inflicted sentences of 14 days on both charges.

We understand that steps are being taken to ascertain the wishes of the community as to the manner and form in which, in this loyal Colony, the completion of the sixtieth year of Her Majesty's reign should be celebrated. A meeting of the surviving members of the Jubilee Committee of 1887 has been called by Mr. Chater and will be held in the Council Chamber at 11 a.m. on Saturday next. The members present will be asked to advise His Excellency the Governor as to the most convenient method of bringing the matter to the notice of the community, and to make suggestions as to the character of the celebration.

* With remarkable celerity Mr. T. F. Hough (Clerk of the Court) has tabulated the entries for the Race Meeting which commences on the 17th prox. We received this afternoon a copy of the Jockey Club's programme, and a very good one it is. Twenty-three ponies are entered for the Derby; for the Ashby Cup there are 17 entries; for the Valley Stakes 28; for the Encouragement Stakes there are 30 entries; for the German Cup 28 ponies are on the roll; 48 are entered for the Challenge Cup (14 mile) and they include such stayers as *Stratfordward*, *Stunner*, *Dumbless*, *Surprise*, *Sinkhole*, *Pinapple*, *Torchlight*, *Rollist*, and *Bellringer*. We note that the fifth event on the third day will be the race for the Robinson Challenge Cup (14 mile); presented by Sir William Robinson; and that 22 are entered for this event.

MR. GOMER WILLIAMS, of Liverpool, is preparing "A History of the Liverpool Privateers and Letters of Marque," containing descriptions of the sanguinary sea fights in which Liverpool privateers were engaged, particulars of prizes they captured, memoirs of Captains Fortunate, Wright and other notable commanders, lists of ships taken by the enemy, prison experiences and adventures of captured officers, encounters with pirates, galleons, stragglers and sea dodges, anecdotes of the old merchants and shipowners, etc., together with an account of the Liverpool slave trade, its abettors and opponents, lists of ships and firms engaged in the traffic, methods of conducting it, etc. The book will appear early this year in one demy octavo volume of about 600 pages. The price to subscribers will be 9s., after publication 12s. Subscribers' names are being received by Mr. Edward Howell, Church Street, Liverpool.

THE TRANSIT PASS DIFFICULTY IN SOUTH CHINA.
IMPORTANT CHINESE PROCLAMATION.
We have received from the Colonial Secretary, for publication a translation of the Kwangtung Lekin Office Proclamation on the subject of Transit Passes in South China. It recites a despatch to the Central Lekin Office from the Governor-General of the two Kwangs covering a copy of a letter from Mr. Fraser, Acting British Consul at Canton, addressed to His Excellency requesting the issue of a proclamation and enclosing extracts from the Tsimli Yamen's despatches and it concludes as follows:—

"Being now in receipt of such instructions it is the duty of this office to issue this proclamation. It is at the same time transmitting to the various local authorities and every Lekin station the requisite directions to carry out the orders received."

"It is therefore known to you merchants and the general public—Chinese and foreign—that according to the clear provisions of the Treaty foreign produce, imported under half duty certificate to no matter what point in the interior, shall, on production and examination of its covering pass, be exempt from all additional charges. When the goods shall have arrived at the point mentioned in the certificate and ceased to be under the protection of the pass, the charges levied thereon shall not differ in the slightest degree from those levied on goods of a similar nature which have paid *lakin* as usual."

"This proclamation is published with a view to further trade by a clear enunciation of Treaty stipulations. You merchants and people concerned ought, therefore, each and all of you, to act in conformity therewith. Do not wantonly create complications."

"Issued in the 12th moon of the XXII Year of Kwanghui."
Translated by (Sd.) T. W. JAMIESON.

[This is in somewhat a little better and more effective form than the proclamation put forth in Kwangtung. It may be said to be a declaration of law. However, for the names already given we do not think much of either of these documents.—ED. H.K.T.]

THE HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

At a monthly meeting of the Committee, held at the Chamber Rooms, on the 16th instant there were present—Messrs. A. McCoschie (Chairman), N. J. Fde, St. C. Michelson, N. A. Siebs, Hon. T. H. Whitehead, and R. C. Wilcox (Secretary).

MINUTES.
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

NEW MEMBERS.
The following firms had been elected to membership of the Chamber—Messrs. Grossmann & Co.; Kruse & Co.; H. Skott & Co.

THE INCREASE IN TELEGRAPH RATES.
"Letters acknowledging receipt of a copy of the report of the proceedings at the special meeting held on the 16th September last to protest against the action of the Joint Telegraph Companies in raising their rates to Europe, America, and Shanghai from the President, Straits Settlements Association, London; from Liverpool, Leeds, and Blackburn Chambers of Commerce, Colonial Secretary, New Zealand; Board of Trade, Toronto; Tacoma Chamber of Commerce; Winnipeg Board of Trade, Wellington (N.Z.) Chamber of Commerce, Colonial Secretary, Fiji; San Francisco Chamber of Commerce; Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa; Newport (Maine), Seattle, Brisbane, and Dunedin (N.Z.) Chambers of Commerce, were read."

REDUCTION IN TELEGRAPH RATES.
SOUTHWARDS.
Read letter from Acting Manager, Joint Telegraph Companies, dated 20th December, informing the Chamber of reduction in their tariff to Eastern countries, South Africa, Australasia, &c.

Reply acknowledging receipt of same was sent on the 30th December.

THE "CHINOTU" CASE.
It was announced that, under date 5th January, a letter had been addressed to the Government, pointing out the hardships entailed on ship-owners and masters by the operation of the *Farquhar Ordinance* (No. 12 of 1885), as evidenced in the case of the master of the British steamer *Chinot* recently heard in the Police Court, and suggesting amendment of the Ordinance.

The Secretary stated that no reply had yet been received.

TRANSIT PASSES IN KWANGTUNG.
The Colonial Secretary had under date 24th January, forwarded for the information of the Chamber a copy of a translation of a proclamation issued by the Kwangtung Lekin Authorities on the subject of transit passes in that province. [This has been published in the local Press.]

THE LIGHT DUES.
Read letter from Mr. Ritchie, Superintendent of the P. & O. S. N. Co. on behalf of the Agents and Representatives of companies and firms owning vessels trading to and in the Far East, enclosing copy of a petition addressed to H.E. the Governor against the proposal to permanently levy a tax of 2½ cents per ton for Light Dues on vessels calling at this port and of the acknowledgment thereof by the Colonial Secretary.

Resolved, to reply promising to give the petition the cordial support of the Chamber, and to this end it was decided to address a letter on the subject to the Government and send copies of both that and the petition to the Chambers of Commerce in the East, other British Colonies, and in the United Kingdom.

The Chairman read a letter from the Vice-Chairman (who was unable to attend) suggesting the above course.

Letters from the Colonial Secretary, dated 19th December and 14th January, respectively, announcing the entire removal of restrictions on vessels arriving in ports of Indo-China from Hongkong, and the withdrawal of medical inspection at Japanese ports of vessels arriving from Formosa, were tabled. (These have been already published in the local Press.)

QUARANTINE.
The following copy of a protest by 25 shipping firms has been forwarded to us for publication by the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce—
Hongkong, December 14th, 1896.

May it please your Excellency,—We, the undersigned, Agents and Representatives of companies and firms owning steamers trading to and in the Far East, have the honor to address you, in the name of all of us, on the subject of the Light Dues now levied and proposed to be levied on vessels entering the port of Hongkong, with special reference to the correspondence, recently published, between your Excellency's Government, the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce, and the Unofficial Members of your Council, concerning the Gap Rock Light Dues.

2. We understand from that correspondence that your Excellency is prepared to give effect to the promise made by your predecessor in office when the Gap Rock Light Dues were first voted, and to abolish these dues, the entire cost of the Gap Rock Light with all its accessories having been more than covered by the proceeds; but that your Excellency proposes to permanently raise the general light dues levied on vessels frequenting this port from 1 cent to 2½ cents, to supply the deficiency caused in the general revenue of the Colony by the abandonment of the special charges in respect of this Light.

3. We beg, in the first place, to bring to your Excellency's notice that by Sir Henry Pottinger's Proclamation of the 10th February, 1842, Hongkong was declared a "free port and no manner of customs' port duties, or any other charges were to be levied on any ships or vessels of whatever nation or sailing under whatever flag that may enter the port or on their cargoes." Secondly, we would remind your Excellency that, until the year 1875, no Light Dues were ever levied in Hongkong and that they were only imposed in that year for the special purpose of reimbursing the Government the amounts then recently expended on the erection of lighthouses and for no other purpose; and that the rate then imposed of one-cent per ton would appear to have been calculated after the requisite sums had been raised from other sources by the Government. Lastly, your Excellency has before you, in the letter of the Chamber of Commerce addressed to you in July last, the promise of a late Governor of Hongkong that the Gap Rock Light Dues then imposed were not intended to be a permanent charge on shipping, or a permanent addition to the Colonial revenue, but a temporary charge intended to cover and provide for a special expenditure incurred mainly on the

THE SPECIAL LIGHT DUES.

THE SHIPPING FIRMS' PROTEST.

Intimations.

HSVM HIGH ONLY IN WILLS SNIXLVAM

WATKINS & CO.
Sole Agents in Hongkong and the Empire
of China
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Hongkong, 7th December, 1896.

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Hongkong, 28th November, 1896.

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Hongkong, 29th November, 1896.

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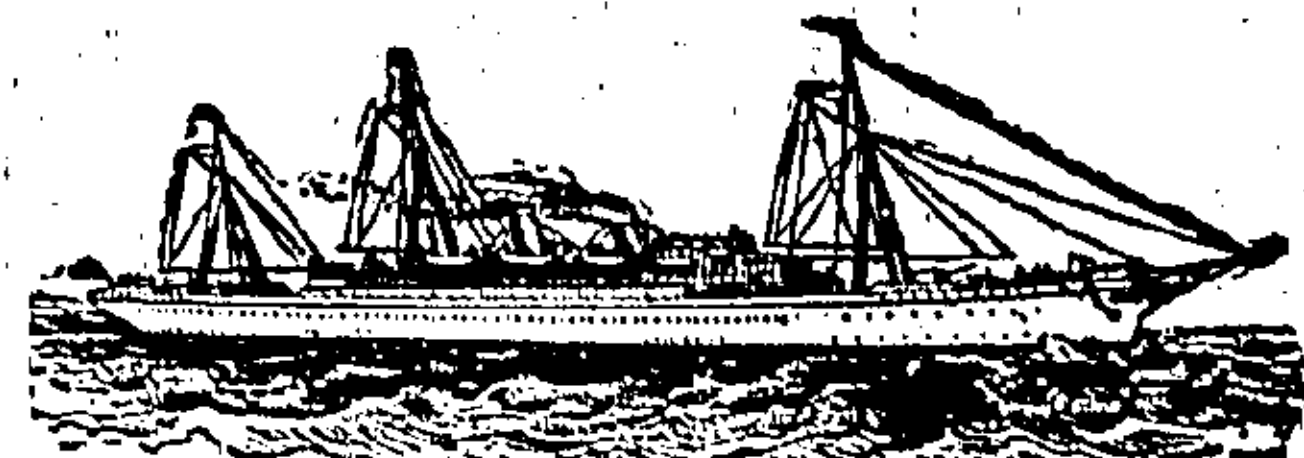
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"BELGIC"

will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KORE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, on THURSDAY, the 4th February, 1897, at Noon.

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Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This allowance does not apply to through fares for China and Japan to Europe.

All PARCEL PACKAGES should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 P.M. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1897.

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THE U. S. Mail Steamship

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will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KORE, INLAND SEA AND YOKOHAMA, on TUESDAY, the 26th January, 1897, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic Lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained upon application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

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Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (First-class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, to European Officials in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's, and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

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Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars,